## You had to be there!

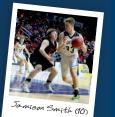


Blake Smith (10) dribbles the basketball away from his defender. "My favorite part was watching Blake DeMoss hit the buzzer beater against Maquoketa in the JV game," Smith said.



William Halverson (9)

Handling the ball, William Halverson (9) looks up the court. "My favorite memory was our first ever win against Mount Vernon," Halverson said. "Brayden Moulds (10) came in clutch.'



Against Clear Lake, Jamison Smith (10) defends the basket. The Hawks fell in the quarterfinals of the state tournament, 46-61.



Senior Derek Krogmann dunks the basketball in the state quarterfinals. Krogmann tallied 1,128 rebounds and 1,679 points,

## **On** the Court







The 16-6 West Delaware Hawks surprised the Assumption Knights in the substate finals

Leading scorer Derek Krogmann (12) was double teamed by the two tallest Knights, forcing the Hawks to find a new way to score. Gavin Soppe (12) and Logan Woellert (10) stepped up to the challenge.

Even though Soppe suffered from a dislocated shoulder and a missing contact lens, he still managed to score his career high of 20 points.

"I knew that it could have been my last game, so it was time to step up and help lead the team as a senior." Soppe said. With 12 points in the second half, Woellert also stepped up.

"Coach Uthoff always says somebody has to step up," Woellert said. "When Derek was getting guarded and they were hitting their shots, someone had to step up."

With a victory over the Knights, the Hawks punched their ticket for the state tournament for the fifth time in school history and the second time in three years where they took on fourth seeded Clear Lake.

"It was one of our main goals heading into the season," Krogmann said. "Being able to make it down there my senior year and finish up my career at Wells Fargo was a great experience."

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## A "You Had to be There" Moment **DeMoss Drains a Three**



a freshman."

Midway through the season, Blake DeMoss (9) took the crowd by surprise. Despite his nerves, this five-foot-six freshman iumped in and drained a three-point shot in the last minutes of the fourth quarter against top-ranked Maquoketa as the Hawks struggled to take the lead. "It was so exciting." DeMoss said. "The gym just erupted."

Logan Winn (12) prepares for a shot against Clear Lake. "Winning the game against Assumption to go to the state tournament was amazing," Winn said. "There has been tension between us in the past, so it felt amazing to beat

Kyle Kelley (10) shoots a three pointer against West

Liberty, Kelley earned First

During the Western Dubuque

the defensive position "My favorite memory was making the game-winning shot in the

Team All-WaMaC honors.

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said.

Derek Krogmann (12) said, "He's shown in practice he can hit those shots, and he shoots with confidence, which is huge considering he's only



Varsity Basketball, Front Row: Manager Victoria Harris, Blake DeMoss, Shaun DeMoss, Isaiah Rich, Raub Loecke, Jamison Smith, Lonnie Davis, Manager Hannah Mangold; Back Row: Coach Matt Uthoff, Logan Woellert, Gavin Soppe, Logan Winn, Mitchell Krogmann, Derek Krogmann, Kyle Kelley, Eric Salow, Zachary Stratton, Coach Jay Salow,



Freshmen/Sophomores Basketball. Front Row: Payton Lewin, William Halverson, Josef Cizek, Elias Tibbott, Brayden Moulds, Blake Smith; Back Row: Coach Jay Salow, Bentley Fletcher, Brandon Wellman, Gavin Tucker, Evan Watson, Luke Kehrli, Jaxson Woellert, Lukas Meyer



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